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February 18, 1977

Mr. Robert A. Hanawalt Scout Executive Montana Council, No.315

### PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of January 14, and the information concerning Edward L. Leland, Jr. We have placed this information in our file. This is exactly the type of material we need to substantiate our action of placing this man on the Confidential File. We appreciate your efforts in this area.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director Registration & Subscription Service

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# BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA

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January 4, 1977

Mr. Paul Ernst
Director Registration and Subscription
Regional Office
Boy Scouts of America
2600 Power & Light Building
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

Reference: Edward L. Leland Jr.

Dear Paul:

Regarding your letter on Mr. Leland, he resigned as Scoutmaster within a week after he was confronted with the information revealed in my letter of October 18, 1976. We have very little further information on this. Mr. Leland is still employed by the Billings Board of Education, although we do know that a group of parents went to the Superintendant of schools with the information that they had, regarding his actions and they were informed that the School Administration was aware of this, and that this was not the first complaints they had had, and that they would "keep an eye on him". To our knowledge he has not been arrested.

As usual in cases as these the information leads us to believe we were the "last to know". After the events in October our "local person in Billings received information from several sources that it was a known fact for several years that Mr. Leland was involved in these types of activities.

Sorry I can't provide you with more factual data on this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Hanawalt Scout Executive

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December 10, 1976

Mr. Robert A. Hanawalt Scout Executive Montana Council, No. 315

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL Re: Edward L. Leland, Jr.

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of October 18, and the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. Our attorney has review all this material and we are holding the information pending a few more details.

Please let us know if Mr. Leland resigned as Scoutmaster of Troop 19, y and if he is now out of scouting. Also, has he been fired from his recteaching position by the Board of Education? Was he ever arrested? This information is important to strengthen our position of placing this man on our Confidential File.

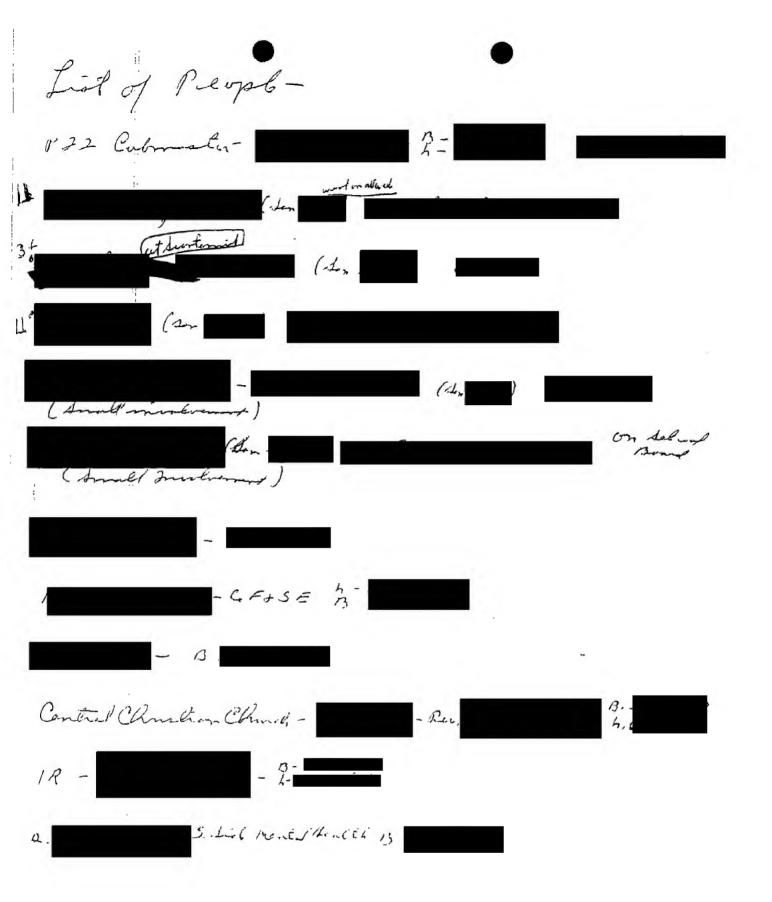
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October 4, 1976

My name is I'm ll years old and in the 6th grade.

On September 25, 1976, I went on an overnight camping trip to Sue Charley Lake. This was a Boy Scout trip led by Troop Master, Mr. Edward Leland.

Only two (2) other Boy Scouts went on the trip, - age 11,

6th grade and 8th grade.

When we got to the start of the foot trail Saturday morning it was raining very hard - Just pouring! and I wanted to come back but Mr. Leland said we should go on and aid he didn't care so we started hiking in the rain.

Saturday afternoon at Sue Cherley Lake we fished. Mr. Leland went fishing with somewhere for about one-half hour. and I stayed together.

Saturday night we all slept in one tent. After we were in our sleeping bags for a while Mr. Leland unzipped my sleeping bag. I didn't know what was wrong with him but he kept putting his hands on my privates. Every time I would wake up my pants would be opened and I had to keep moving around and rolling over on my stomach to keep his hands out of there. I said "no, no" and he would quit until I was asleep. This went on many times during the night.



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Enclosed are materials related to Edward L. Leland Jr.

This matter was called to our attention on Saturday October 2, 1976, by a group of parents and was of such a nature that it required immediate action in order to keep the situation from getting out of hand. Following the varification of information, Mr. Leland was called in to the branch office of the Boy Scouts of America in Billings Montana, where he resides, and the following statement was read to him by Scout Executive Robert A. Hanawalt.

"The Boy Scouts of America is a membership organization. The Boy Scouts of America maintains the right to allow or not allow adults to be members or leaders of the organization. Information has very recently come to us of such a nature as to cause us to determine that your membership in the Boy Scouts of America is no longer acceptable and we are recommending to the corporation that it be terminated.

It would be our most earnest suggestion that you submit a letter of resignation as Scoutmaster to the Minister of the church that sponsors your troop, and to your District Chairman as Scout Chairman and Merit Badge Counselor, and then refrain from any further contacts with the Scouting Movement. This, I am sure will save embarrassment on both your part and ours".

 $\Delta l1$  materials, notes, and information related to this are attached. There are no further records in our office.

The following information is provided on the subject.

Name: Edward L. Leland Jr.

Registered Position: Scoutmaster Troop 0019 Council 315 Great Falls, Montana

Subject Address: 2221 Rosewyn Lane, Billings Montana 59102

Occupation: School Teacher, Jr. High

Marital Status: Single

Approximate Height: 5'10" to 6' Approximate Weight: 185 to 200

Color of Hair: Red

Wears glasses

Age: 32

Has been in and around Billings Montana for entire life.

Special note: Edward L. Leland should not be confused with Edward L. Leland Sr. (his father) who is registered as a Institutional Representative of Troop 0019 Council 315 Great Falls, Montana. Edward L. Leland Sr. address is 1926 Avenue D, Billings, Montana and is the father of Edward L. Leland Jr.

Robert A. Hanawalt
Scout Executive